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CHANGES TO VOLUNTARY DONATION FOR GLENDALE'S *FROM THE HEART* PROGRAM

GLENDALE, Ariz. – The Glendale City Council recently made a change to residents' options for voluntarily donations to the city's *From the Heart* program. Formerly \$1, the voluntary donation requested is now \$2, and can be added to a monthly bill if a resident chooses. The increase will be implemented in billing cycles beginning Feb. 19.

This program, which began in 1997, was designed to directly address the needs of Glendale residents with the focus of promoting the positive development of youth, strengthening families, and assisting citizens of all ages with day-to-day necessities.

“Whether it's delivering meals to elderly, providing back-to-school clothing for children, or sheltering women and children in domestic violence situations, the *From the Heart* program does important things for many residents of Glendale,” said Mayor Jerry Weiers. “I would encourage all residents who can spare an extra two dollars each month to support the program.”

In 2013, the program distributed \$144,490 to several agencies through a grant application and selection process. In addition to funds donated by Glendale water customers, the Gila River Indian Community donated \$75,000 to the program, a matching partnership now in its fourth year. The following organizations were granted funding through *From the Heart's* grant process in 2013, with criteria that each organization provides services to Glendale residents:

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From the Heart

Add 1.1.1

Alzheimer's Association – Desert Southwest Chapter
Back-to-School Clothing Drive Association
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Arizona
Boys & Girls Clubs of Metropolitan Phoenix (Glendale location)
Central Arizona Shelter Services
Duet – Partners in Health & Aging
First United Methodist Church of Glendale
Gabriel's Angels
Hospice of the Valley
Jewish Family and Children's Services
A New Leaf
Phoenix Gospel Mission
St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance
Salvation Army Glendale Corps
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Solecito Services
Teen Lifeline
YWCA of Maricopa County

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